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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that William B. Boma, 30, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 57 months in prison, to be followed by a three-year term of supervised release, for conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine.

Law enforcement officers seized pseudoephedrine and other materials to manufacture methamphetamine at a rural farm in Trempealeau County in August 2004. Several witnesses admitted to seeing Boma and his co-conspirator Ryan Papenfuss, 31, also of La Crosse, manufacture methamphetamine using the seized materials.

At his plea hearing, Boma admitted that he acquired materials to manufacture methamphetamine at Papenfuss's direction and that the materials were used to manufacture methamphetamine between July 1, 2004, and August 13, 2004. Papenfuss is currently serving a 57-month prison term for his role in the case.

The charge against Boma was the result of an investigation conducted by the Trempealeau County Sheriff's Department, the La Crosse County Sheriff's Department, the Vernon County Sheriff's Department, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation - Narcotics Bureau. The prosecution of the case has

been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

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